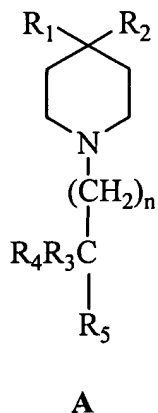


In the claims:

1. **(previously presented)** A compound represented by **A**:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted six-membered aromatic ring containing no heteroatoms;

R₂ represents RO-CH₂, RS-alkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

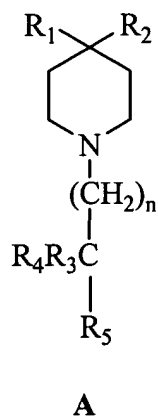
R₅ represents substituted phenyl group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxyl;

n is 0, or 1; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

Claims 2-91 **(canceled)**

92. **(currently amended)** A compound represented by **A**:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R₁ represents optionally substituted phenyl;

R₂ represents [[RO-CH₂]] R₆O-alkyl, RS-alkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R₃ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents an optionally substituted phenyl ~~carbocyclic aryl~~ group, wherein each substituent is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl and alkoxy;

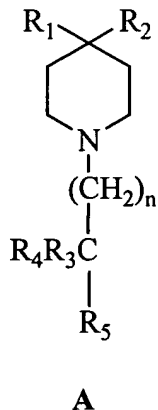
R₆ represents alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

n is 0, or 1; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

93. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R₂ represents RO-CH₂; and R is H.
94. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R₂ represents R₆O-alkyl; and R₆ is acyl RO-CH₂; and R is H.
95. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R₅ represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.

96. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R_5 represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
97. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 represents $RO-CH_2$; R is H ; and R_5 represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
98. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R_2 represents R_6O -alkyl; and R_6 is acyl $RO-CH_2$; R is H ; and R_5 represents fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl or methoxyphenyl.
99. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R_2 represents $RO-CH_2$; R is H ; and R_5 represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
100. **(currently amended)** The compound of claim 92, wherein R_2 represents R_6O -alkyl; R_6 is acyl $RO-CH_2$; R is H ; and R_5 represents 3-fluorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or 4-methoxyphenyl.
101. **(new)** A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H , alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R_1 represents optionally substituted carbocyclic aryl;

R_2 represents RO -alkyl, $(R)_2N$ -alkyl, RS -alkyl, RO -cycloalkyl, $(R)_2N$ -cycloalkyl, or RS -cycloalkyl;

R_3 represents H , alkyl, $-OR$, or F ;

R₄ represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R₅ represents an optionally substituted thiophene group;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by **A** is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

- 102. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R₁ is optionally substituted phenyl.
- 103. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R₂ is RO-alkyl.
- 104. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 0.
- 105. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R₂ is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.
- 106. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R₃ is H, alkyl, or F.
- 107. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R₄ is H, alkyl, or F.
- 108. **(new)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R₁ is phenyl, R₂ is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.